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[Report No. 114-]

To amend the Delaware Water Gap National Recreation Area Improvement Act to provide access to certain vehicles serving residents of municipalities adjacent to the Delaware Water Gap National Recreation Area, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

SEPTEMBER 28, 2015

Mr. MARINO (for himself and Mr. CARTWRIGHT) introduced the following bill;
which was referred to the Committee on Natural Resources

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Committed to the Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union,
and ordered to be printed

A BILL

To amend the Delaware Water Gap National Recreation Area Improvement Act to provide access to certain vehicles serving residents of municipalities adjacent to the Delaware Water Gap National Recreation Area, and for other purposes.

1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. VEHICULAR ACCESS AND FEES.**

4 Section 4 of the Delaware Water Gap National Recre-
5 ation Area Improvement Act (Public Law 109–156) is
6 amended to read as follows:

7 **“SEC. 4. USE OF CERTAIN ROADS WITHIN THE RECREATION**
8 **AREA.**

9 “(a) IN GENERAL.—Except as otherwise provided in
10 this section, Highway 209, a federally owned road within
11 the boundaries of the Recreation Area, shall be closed to
12 all commercial vehicles.

13 “(b) EXCEPTION FOR LOCAL BUSINESS USE.—Until
14 September 30, 2020, subsection (a) shall not apply with
15 respect to the use of commercial vehicles that have four
16 or fewer axles and are—

17 “(1) owned and operated by a business phys-
18 ically located in—

19 “(A) the Recreation Area; or

20 “(B) one or more adjacent municipalities;

21 or

22 “(2) necessary to provide services to businesses
23 or persons located in—

24 “(A) the Recreation Area; or

25 “(B) one of more adjacent municipalities.

1 “(c) FEE.—The Secretary shall establish a fee and
2 permit program for the use by commercial vehicles of
3 Highway 209 under subsection (b). The program shall in-
4 clude an annual fee not to exceed \$200 per vehicle. All
5 fees received under the program shall be set aside in a
6 special account and be available, without further appro-
7 priation, to the Secretary for the administration and en-
8 forcement of the program, including registering vehicles,
9 issuing permits and vehicle identification stickers, and
10 personnel costs.

11 “(d) EXCEPTIONS.—The following vehicles may use
12 Highway 209 and shall not be subject to a fee or permit
13 requirement under subsection (c):

14 “(1) Local school buses.

15 “(2) Fire, ambulance, and other safety and
16 emergency vehicles.

17 “(3) Commercial vehicles using Federal Road
18 Route 209, from—

19 “(A) Milford to the Delaware River Bridge
20 leading to U.S. Route 206 in New Jersey; and

21 “(B) mile 0 of Federal Road Route 209 to
22 Pennsylvania State Route 2001.”.

1 **SEC. 2. DEFINITIONS.**

2 Section 2 of the Delaware Water Gap National Recre-
3 ation Area Improvement Act (Public Law 109–156) is
4 amended—

5 (1) by redesignating paragraphs (1) through
6 (5) as paragraphs (2) through (6), respectively; and

7 (2) by inserting before paragraph (2) (as so re-
8 designated by paragraph (1) of this section) the fol-
9 lowing:

10 “(1) ADJACENT MUNICIPALITIES.—The term
11 ‘adjacent municipalities’ means Delaware Township,
12 Dingman Township, Lehman Township, Matamoras
13 Borough, Middle Smithfield Township, Milford Bor-
14 ough, Milford Township, Smithfield Township and
15 Westfall Township, in Pennsylvania.”.

16 **SEC. 3. CONFORMING AMENDMENT.**

17 Section 702 of the Omnibus Parks and Public Lands
18 Management Act of 1996 (Public Law 104–333) is re-
19 pealed.